

In re the Application of: Mathew King
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Please amend the claims as follows:

1.(original) A ground cover removal attachment for a vehicle for moving a sheet ground cover while on the ground, comprising an arm with a connection at one end of the arm for mounting the arm to a vehicle so that the arm extends outwardly of one side of the vehicle, and an outer end of the arm shaped to engage the ground cover on one side of the ground cover to move the ground cover to the side of the vehicle as the vehicle moves alongside the ground cover.

2.(original) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim 1 wherein the shaped outer end of the comprises one part adapted to move beneath a side margin of the ground cover and another part adapted to contact a side edge of the ground cover, as the vehicle moves alongside the ground cover.

3.(original) A ground cover removal attachment for a vehicle according to claim 2 wherein the part adapted to move beneath the side margin of the ground cover has a lateral dimension in a direction generally away from the arm which is greater than a height dimension of the part adapted to contact a side edge of the ground cover.

4.(currently amended) A ground cover attachment for a vehicle according to ~~either one of claims 2 and 3~~ claim 2 wherein a further part of the shaped end of the arm extends from the side edge contacting part in a direction generally away from the arm.

5.(currently amended) A ground cover attachment for a vehicle according to ~~any one of claims 2 to 4~~ claim 2 wherein the part of the shaped end of the arm adapted to move beneath a side margin of the ground cover includes a cranked outer end.

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6.(currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1 wherein the connection for mounting the arm to a vehicle comprises a pivot connection which enables the arm to be pivoted to a non-operating position relative to the vehicle, in which the arm does not extend outwardly of the vehicle.

7(original) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim 6 including a brace member connected to the arm intermediate of the length thereof at one end of the brace member and connectable to the vehicle at another end of the brace member.

8(original) A ground cover removal attachment according to claim 7 including a pivot connection at said another end of the brace member for pivotally connecting the brace member to a vehicle.

9.(currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment ~~either of claims 7 and 8~~ according to claim 7 wherein the connection point of the brace member to the arm is adjustable over a part of the length of the arm.

10.(currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment according to ~~either of claims 7 to 9~~ claim 7 of dimensions enabling the arm to be connected to a quad bike, at a forward part between the front wheels thereof with said another end of the brace arm connected to a side part of the quad bike between the wheels on one side of the quad bike.

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11.(currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1 wherein the arm is telescopically adjustable in length.

12.(currently amended) A ground cover removal attachment according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1 including a friction reducing cover or coating on the outer end of the arm.

13.(original) A ground cover removal arm for moving a ground cover with a vehicle to which the arm is attached with the arm extending outwardly of one side of the vehicle, the arm including at one end a coupling for mounting the arm to a vehicle, an outer end formed as a fork for lifting and folding a side of the ground cover as the vehicle moves alongside the ground cover to one side of the ground cover, and a brace member adapted to extend between the arm and the vehicle at a spaced mounting point on the vehicle.

14.(currently amended) A vehicle with a ground cover removal arm according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 13~~ claim 1 mounted thereto.

15.(original) A vehicle and ground cover removal arm in combination according to claim 14 wherein the arm is mounted to project forwardly relative to the direction of motion of the vehicle in use, at an acute angle relative to a line transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle in use.

16.(currently amended) A vehicle and ground cover removal arm in combination according to ~~either claims 14 and 15~~ claim 14 wherein the vehicle is a quad bike.

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17.(original) A vehicle with an arm extending outwardly of the vehicle to one side thereof beyond that side of the vehicle, and capable of lifting and folding a side of a sheet ground cover to one side as the vehicle moves alongside the ground cover, the arm having spaced outwardly of the side of the vehicle an operative part for lifting and moving the ground cover.

18.(original) A vehicle with an arm extending outwardly of the vehicle to one side thereof according to claim 17 wherein the arm is mounted to project forwardly relative to the direction of motion of the vehicle in use, at an acute angle relative to a line transverse to the direction of motion of the vehicle in use.

19.(cancelled)

20.(new) A vehicle and ground cover removal arm in combination according to claim 15 wherein the vehicle is a quad bike.